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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

A mob of Americans and Mexicans brutally beat eight Chinamen at Casa Blanca, California. —— U. S. mail steamer Telamook is believed to be lost. —— Severe storm at Pensacola Friday night. ——The London and Globe Finance Corporation, London, Eng., suspended payment yesterday; the announcement was followed on the Stock Exchange by the failure of twelve firms. —— Five thousand Boers have invaded Natal. —— Mc Donald, the slayer of Auditor Morris, is dead. —— A Japanese training ship founded in a typhoon; 121 lives were lost. —— Boer raiders have almost isolated Kimberly. —— Forty eighty warships are being built in Germany in private yards. —— The U. S. government officially recognizes responsibility of the mosquito for transmission of yellow fever and malarial diseases. —— More disasters to shipping on the coast of England. —— Former President Cleveland deprecates the present mode of electing the President of the United States, and strongly favors a substantial extension of the presidential term. —— A Shanghai dispatch says the Chinese Court has decided to accept the conditions of the Powers. —— Gen. Miles returned to Washington from his visit to friends on Trent river. —— Chief Justice Fairbanks, of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, died suddenly last night at his home in Goldsboro. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call steady at 4 per cent., prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent.; cotton dull, middling uplands 10 5 16c; flour was more strongly held, but not quotably higher, owing to the absence of demand; wheat—spot firmer, No. 2 red 80c; corn—spot firmer, No. 2 45½c, at elevator; oats—spot firm; rosin quiet, strained common to good $1.75; spirits turpentine dull at 38½@39c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 29.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 45 degrees; 8 P. M., 41 degrees; maximum, 48 degrees; minimum, 41 degrees; mean, 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 3.96 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—For North Carolina—Partly cloudy Sunday. Monday fair; fresh easterly winds, becoming variable.

Port Almanac—December 30.

Sun Rises	7.11 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.54 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 44 M.
High Water at Southport	2 27 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	4 57 A. M.

London continues to expand and to fill up. It is estimated that the next census will show a population of 6,500,000.

All of Asia has only 30,000 miles of railway, including the Trans-Siberian. With the exception of the Japs they don't take much to railways over there.

Kentucky had a regular old popping time Christmas. There were thirty killings, reported from that State and all the precincts haven't been heard from yet.

The Duke of Manchester is no slouch when it comes to getting outside of beef. He is such an expert at that that it is said he can stow away three pounds of steak at a sitting.

A contemporary asks the conundrum, "Is the Anglo-Saxon Fit to Rule?" Whether he is fit to rule himself or not the Anglo-Saxon is fully impressed with the belief that he is fit to rule all the balance of mankind.

According to a Paterson, N. J., justice cats are entitled to the freedom of that city and to vocalize without interference, for he fined a citizen $5 for killing one which disturbed his slumbers by an impromptu serenade.

Some men never get the hang of taking disappointment resignedly. John Kollman, of St. Louis, didn't, for when he failed to stand an examination for the priesthood he retired to the basement of the church and hanged himself.

A port Jervis, N. Y., man got himself into trouble because he sold his wife to Mose Storm for ten cents, Mose taking a receipt for the money, and then took her back and refused to refund the cash. When Mose found himself done out of his acquired woman and ten cents he stormed and made it lively for the other fellow.

A New York blond who thought chesnut hair would suit her style better called on the drug shop man, got some of his magic hair transformer, put it on and soon found herself possessed of a peerless suit of green hair, which, for midwinter, was somewhat out of season. This made her green with rage, and now she wants $5,000 damages out of that poor hair renovater.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Wilmington Lodge of Elks was one year old yesterday.

— The New Year's banquet by the "Royal Grand Bouncers" has been postponed from next Tuesday night to a date following.

— Announcement has been made of the marriage of Mr. Allen E. McKeithan, of Goldsboro, and Miss Lina May Mintz, of this city.

— Mr. Moses Horne advertises a stray cow taken up at his farm four miles from town. Probably the cow is owned by some resident of Wilmington.

— Christmas services will be held to-night at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in English. An elaborate musical programme has been arranged.

— The schooner *Jno. R. Fell* cleared with lumber for New York yesterday. The schooner *James C. Clifford* arrived from New York with a cargo of coal.

— Register of Deeds Biddle, in another column of to day's paper, notifies liquor dealers that the Schedule B tax on the purchases of liquor for the preceding six months is due and payable the first ten days in January.

— Mr. Charles E. McMillen has been elected second vice president and Mr. H. E. Bonitz, a member of the executive committee of the Southeastern Architectural League which was formed in Charlotte Thursday afternoon.

— The Christmas exercises of Southside Baptist Sunday school will take place at the church, corner of Fifth and Wooster streets, on Tuesday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. A collection will be received for the Yates missionaries.

— The condition of young John Odam, who is at the Hospital with a serious fracture of the skull as the result of a Christmas brawl, was somewhat improved early this morning but it is thought he is yet in danger of losing his life.

— The fire at 5.49 P. M. yesternoon was at the residence of Mrs. Georgia A. Warrock, No. 309 South Second street, and was caused by an oil stove. The damage was about $35 and fully covered by insurance with J. H. Boatwright & Son.

— The Goldsboro *Argus* of the 28th inst., says: "Capt. J. W. Lamb returned from Seven Springs last night. He takes his heavy loss very calmly, and is uncertain as yet whether he will rebuild his stables or not. His loss above insurance will aggregate $2,000."

— Mr. Eugene S. Martin, of this city, has been chosen to represent the lodges of the State at the 100th anniversary of Hiram Lodge No. 40, A. F. and A. M. at Raleigh, Tuesday evening, Jan. 8th, upon the occasion of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons in that city.

— Governor-elect Aycock, of North Carolina, and Mr. Warren G. Elliott, of this city, are among the list of distinguished people invited to a banquet to be given by the South Atlantic Insurance Company to its agents at the Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, on the evening of January 8th.

— Printed copies of the report of the committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to consider the Cullom bill now pending before Congress, were yesterday received by the secretary of the Chamber and are being mailed to North Carolina's representatives in the National Congress.

— Owing to the absence of Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, who is at Norfolk on a visit to Mrs. Blackwell, spending the winter there for her health, there will be no church service at the First Baptist Church this evening. In the morning the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. R. H. Cline.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

A. Shrier—Remember.
Notice—Schedule B tax.
J. VanB. Metts—Insurance.
S. & B. Solomon.—Our latest.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Calendars.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Clearing sale.
M. H. Curran—Off with the old.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Fetching hat.
VonGlahn & Gibson—Run'g expenses

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Cow Taken Up—Moses Horne.
P. H. Hayden—Buggies, wagons.
Meeting—United Charities Asso'n.

At the Y. M. C. A. This Afternoon.

The address on "The Standard of Civic Righteousness," which Vice President-elect Theodore Roosevelt will deliver to-day at Carnegie Hall to the Young Men's Christian Association at New York, has been received by Secretary Turner and will be read by him at the men's meeting at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The speech is type written and can be read in less than 20 minutes. The religious part of the programme will be conducted by Rev. J. N. Cole. The male quartette will render two special selections.

Death of a Little Boy.

Frank M. Williams, the little two-year-old son of Mrs. Wm. Williams, died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at the family residence, on Eighth between Castle and Queen streets. The bereaved family has the sympathy of many friends in the sad loss. The funeral will be held at 3 30 o'clock this afternoon from the residence, with interment in Bellevue cemetery.

PROPERTY VALUES.

Question Which is Still Interesting Standing Master's Court in Assessment Cases.

THE HEARING YESTERDAY.

Witnesses from Bladen County Told of How Assessors Arrive at Valuation for Taxation—Will Introduce Railway Evidence.

There were no developments of interest from yesterday's session of the standing master's court in the tax assessment cases and at 4 30 o'clock yesterday afternoon an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

The witnesses who testified during the day were from Bladen county, and the evidence given by them was not materially different from that of the thirty odd from Pender county, who were examined on the two preceding days.

Capt. W. H. Day, of counsel for the Seaboard Air Line, arrived for the hearing yesterday. Maj. Jno. D. Shaw, another S. A. L attorney, who was expected during the week, is still detained at his home in Rockingham on account of sickness Capt. Charles Price left yesterday afternoon for his home at Salisbury and in his absence the interests of the Southern Railway will be guarded in the hearing by R. G. Grady, Esq. The other counsel remained the same as on preceding days.

The witnesses examined yesterday were as follows: F. M. Willis, R. W. Tatum, M. N. Tatum, J. M. Melvin, T. S. Owen, O. M. Cain, S. N. Ferguson and T. J. Freeman, assessors; J. S. Williamson, register of deeds, and W. S. Anders, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. There were also in attendance yesterday quite a number of Brunswick county witnesses, but the examination of these was postponed until Monday when they will be heard with Columbus county witnesses. It is announced that witnesses from New Hanover county will be examined on Tuesday and attorneys for the Corporation Commission say that on this occasion the alleged undervaluation of Atlantic Coast Line property will be investigated. It will be remembered that Judge Simonton, for sufficient legal reasons, refused to allow this testimony to be admitted at first but later wrote Judge Shepherd, the standing master, that he could take the evidence as submitted and that he (Judge Simonton) would pass upon its competency and admissibility later. It is expected that the introduction of this testimony will contribute to make the only sensational feature of the entire hearing at Wilmington.

It is expected that the hearing will be concluded here on Thursday and that it will be resumed on Friday at Warsaw when the State will introduce witnesses from Duplin county. On Saturday at the same place, witnesses from Sampson county will be heard. The witnesses from Sampson were subpœned to appear on Thursday, but the STAR is asked by Col. Hinsdale to say that they need not be present until Saturday morning.

The witnesses yesterday were mainly assessors from different townships in Bladen and they testified, on direct examination, for the most part, that property was fairly valued at what it would bring at voluntary cash sale; that they knew of no design, custom of or intention to undervalue property for taxation, that their own property with a single exception was assessed at its full value. The gentleman who constituted the single exception thought that there was no intention on the part of his co-assessors to undervalue this property, but that it was simply an error of judgment. This same witness on cross examination testified that he thought his own personal property was assessed at its full valuation, but that in his township the personal property had not been assessed at more than a three-fourth's valuation.

Register of Deeds Williamson testified to the fair valuation and overvaluation of a large number of tracts, and of sales at which the purchase price was less than the valuation, most all of which were voluntary cash sales. On cross examination he said that he had searched the records at the request of attorneys on both sides in the case in hearing, and remembered one instance of the consummation of a sale at a higher price than the assessed valuation.

Counsel for the State at the end of the week express entire satisfaction at the result of the investigations in Wake, Durham, Johnston, Pender and Bladen counties, while attorneys of the opposing side say they are equally as satisfied with the result of the cross examination and that, although all the witnesses are distinctively for the State, they have shown glaring instances of gross undervaluation in the assessment of both real and personal property in the several counties from which witnesses have been summoned.

New Year at the Postoffice.

On account of the New Year's holiday the following hours will be observed Tuesday at the Wilmington postoffice:

Carriers will make the early morning delivery and collection; the general delivery window will be open from 9 to 10 A. M. and from 5 to 7 P. M.; the stamp window will be open from 9 to 10 A. M., but the money order and registry departments will be closed during the entire day.

RE-UNION OF THE BROWNIES.

Delightful Entertainment by First Presbyterian Sunday School Last Night. Refreshments Served.

The annual holiday entertainment by the First Presbyterian Church Sunday school was given last evening in the church parlors, and it was indeed an enjoyable occasion. The entertainment was called a "Re Union of the Brownies," and many of the children were dressed in unique as well as ridiculous costumes.

The following lovely tableaux were presented:

"Snow Man," by Rufus Hicks, Glasgow Hicks and Earl Creswell.
"Fairy Tale," by Miss Clara Belle VanDyke and little Miss Annie Smith.
"Too Friendly," by Misses Emily Toon and Mary Croswell.
"A Bunch of Posies," by Misses Marguerite and Mary Holladay, Emily Toon and Lucile Polvogt.
"Debut," by Miss Emily Toon and Masters Rufus Hicks and Earl Croswell.
"Little Bo Peep," by Miss Lucile Polvogt.
"Good Night," by Miss Elizabeth Woodward.

The piano accompaniments were by Misses Abbie Chadbourn and Lizzie Kirkham.

After the rendition of the tableaux, ice cream, cake and candies were served by the young ladies of the church.

The entertainment was arranged by the following ladies and to them is due much praise for the admirable manner in which the occasion passed off: Mrs. R. W. Hicks, Mrs. J. G. Barentine, Misses Elizabeth Robinson, Lucy Chadbourn, Margaret Smith and Kate O'Hanlon.

NEW YEAR'S FOOT BALL.

Game Will Be Played at Hilton Tuesday Afternoon Between the O. A. N. and A. C. L. Teams.

Quite a good deal of interest is centered about the football contest that is to be pulled off here on New Year's Day between two of Wilmington's old football rivals, the O. A. N., and A. C. L. teams which have met many times before and fought for the supremacy in both football and baseball games.

The O. A. N., team is composed for the most part, of old football men who made that team quite a reputation in the past and they will fight hard to keep the laurels they have won. In the line up will be found Bellamy, H.; Hatch, Sinclair, McMillan, Morton, S., Wootten, and others who are veteran footballist. However, with all of these old college and home players the O. A. N. has no "soft snap" when it goes up against the A. C. L. for most of its players are also old football men and have represented Wilmington on the gridiron this season. Hopkins, Wiggs, Turrentine, Holland, Greenabaum, Ramsey, Loughlin and others will be found in the line up and as both teams are about evenly matched, and there is much rivalry between them, the contest will be a good one from start to finish.

The game will be played at Hilton Park and cars will be run to the grounds. The line up and other particulars will be given in Tuesday's paper.

FOOT BALL GAME AT NEWBERN.

Cape Fear Academy Boys Recite Reminiscences of a Pleasant Trip.

The foot ball team of Cape Fear Academy returned to the city yesterday from Newbern. The boys were in excellent spirits, and are loud in their praise of the hospitable manner in which they were entertained by the people of Newbern.

A Wilmingtonian, who witnessed Friday's game at Newbern, between the Academy and the Newbern Graded School, speaking of the game to a STAR reporter last night, said: "The game in Newbern Friday was really an excellent exhibition of foot ball. The fact that neither side was able to score shows how well the game was contested. In point of team work, Newbern was simply outclassed, and considering the youth and weight of the Wilmington team, the game put up by them was little short of extraordinary. The average weight of the Academy boys was about 126 pounds while Newbern averaged in the neighborhood of 155 pounds. The difference in weight in the line was especially noticable, Newbern there having the advantage of about 25 pounds to the man; yet notwithstanding this, Newbern was repeatedly held on downs, and in the first half the ball was carried to within 15 yards of the Newbern goal. The goal of neither side was really in danger, however, at any stage of the game, as the ball was seesawed from the territory of one side to that of the other.

"There was little roughness in the game, so far as I was able to see, and with the exception of Montgomery who fell, or was thrown, into a ditch bordering the field in the early part of the second half and was forced to retire for repairs, the personnel of the teams was unchanged from the start to the conclusion of the game. For the Academy, besides its excellent team work, the all round playing of Hall, Jordan and Vance Montgomery and the tackling of Will Peschau were features."

Some of the boys took in the Kirmess at Newbern Friday night. A german was also given there Friday night which was attended by quite a number of Wilmingtonians.

— Mr. W. J. Beamon, of Clinton, was among last evening's arrivals in the city.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Miss Nellie Durham is visiting at Rocky Point.

— Mr. Joe Westbrook went up to Faison last night.

— Mrs. C. W. Hooper returned to Chapel Hill yesterday.

— Mr. T. Arlington McKelvie left yesterday for Charlotte.

— Mr. Gower Croswell left last night, returning to Norfolk.

— Capt. W. R. Kenan has returned from a visit to Macon, Ga.

— Miss Lizzie Thompson, of Southport, is visiting in the city.

— Mr. William G. Whitehead returned last night from New York.

— Mr. J. A. Mintz, of Shallotte, was here yesterday on a business trip.

— Mr. W. A. Baldwin, of Hamlet, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

— Mr. Thomas Myers, of Portsmouth, is here on a visit to relatives.

— Mr. H. W. A. Hansen left last night, returning to Roanoke College, Virginia.

— Mrs. W. D. Hall is critically ill at her home on Chesnut between Second and Third streets.

— Mr. Julian K. Taylor returned yesterday from his old home at Ivanhoe, N. C., where he spent the holidays.

— Mrs. Richard Dosher, of Southport, is here on a visit to her brother, Mr. Robt. Robbins, 815 North Third street.

— Mr. Faison Powers, of Atlanta, Ga., is here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Minnie F. Powers, No. 412 Princess street.

— Mr. Geo. E. Leftwich left yesterday for Riley's Creek to attend a meeting of the Southeastern Baptist Association.

— Mr. William Struthers and two little sons, David and Arthur, are taking an outing at Grist's station, on the W., C. & A. railroad.

— Dr. Otto F. Dinglehoef returned yesterday from Warsaw, where he attended the Johnson Land nuptials during the holidays.

— Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Farrior, after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Farrior's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McKoy, will return to Charlotte to-morrow.

— Mr. B. H. Atkinson, night watchman at the City Hospital, returned yesterday from a very pleasant holiday visit to his old home at Topsail Sound.

— Mr. H. C. McCallum, a former citizen of Clarkton, but for the past thirteen years engaged in the turpentine business in Florida, was here yesterday, on his return, after spending the holidays at his old home.

— Among yesterday's arrivals in the city were Messrs. J. A. Murphy, of Atkinson; R. C. Powell, of Whiteville; W. J. Davis, of Brunswick; W. B. Fort, of Pikeville; A. R. Stephens, of Charlotte, and J. L. Bridgers, of Verona.

— Dr. E. P. Porter, a North Carolina boy, who has won distinction in his professional studies in the North and who now has a responsible position in St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, is spending the holidays with his father, Dr. E. Porter, at Rocky Point.

— The STAR sanctum was brightened yesterday by a most agreeable visit from Mrs. W. F. Williams, of Portsmouth, and her daughter, Mrs. Alma Gattis, of Goldsboro, who had come down to spend the day calling on old friends. Mrs. Williams while a resident of Wilmington, did some admirable work in special reporting for the STAR. She would prove a valuable acquisition to the staff of any daily newspaper.

Transfers of Real Estate.

The deed conveying the property on Second and Chesnut streets, which was recently bought by Capt. J. H. Hanby for $4,350, was entered for record at the Court House yesterday.

Mary McI. Harriss, of Fayetteville, to N. F. Parker, of this city, property 165x66 feet on Dawson street between Second and Third; consideration $175.

A. G. Ricaud and wife, of New York, to Mrs. Ellen Kure, property 66x50 feet on Fourth between Nun and Church streets; consideration, $750.

Capt. Kelly Dead.

The Fayetteville *Observer* of yesterday announces the death at his home in Florence, S. C., of Capt. J. E. Kelly, who is very favorably known here as one of the road masters for many years of the Atlantic Coast Line. The remains were sent to his old home at Petersburg, Va., yesterday for interment. Deceased was 64 years of age and leaves six children.

Remains Will Arrive To-day.

The remains of the late Capt. J. W. Taylor, whose sad death at Hahira, Ga., was chronicled in yesterday's STAR, will arrive this afternoon at 1:25 o'clock on the W. C. & A. train and will be carried directly to Bellevue cemetery where the funeral sermon will be conducted by Rev. J. W. Potter, of Market Street Methodist church.

Naval Reserves Target Practice.

At an informal meeting of a number of members of Wilmington Division, Naval Reserves, held last night, it was decided to have target practice with one of the Howitzers at Wrightsville beach on New Year's afternoon. The range is to be 2,100 yards and the gun crew will go down on the afternoon seacoast train.

RENDERING WORKS.

Plant to Be Established Near Southport for Manufacture of Fish Products.

A JOINT STOCK COMPANY.

Interesting Local and Northern Capital Is in Process of Formation—About Forty Thousand Dollars Will Be Invested in the Works.

Capt. J. F. Bussells, manager for the Atlantic Construction Company, of New York, and Mr. B. H. Milligan, of Cresfield, Md., superintendent for the same concern, have been in the city since Thursday, looking into the advisability of establishing on a large scale in this section a rendering plant for the manufacture of oil and scrap for fertilizers from the Manhaden or "fat back" variety of fish, which species of the finny tribe are caught in large quantities off this coast at certain seasons of the year.

In a hurried interview with a STAR representative last night Mr. Milligan stated that it had been decided to locate a plant on Price's Creek, about two miles from Southport, and that the contract had been let for a part of the lumber for the construction of the necessary buildings. A stock company has been organized, composed of gentlemen from the North and several from Southport, and the promoters hope to have the works in successful operation by the 1st of March, the opening of the "fat back" season in these waters. The amount of capital involved will be about $40,000 and the enterprise will give employment to about sixty men at the works and a like number of fishermen and others aboard the two boats which will be used in the service. Under the same general management several similar works are in successful operation on the Chesapeake Bay, but the company which will operate at Southport will be duly incorporated under the laws of North Carolina as a home enterprise.

The manufacture of fish products along the lines contemplated by the new company has been undertaken in Wilmington in past years with varying success and several smaller industries of like character are now being carried on at Beaufort, N. C., and, perhaps, at other points on the North Carolina coast, but the enterprise contemplated by the company now in process of formation here will be on a much more extended scale and will contribute greatly to the industrial development of the lower Cape Fear coast.

Two steamers with a capacity of from 250 to 300 tons have been secured for the fishing department of the new enterprise and these are now undergoing repairs on the Chesapeake preparatory to being brought here. They are the *Clara Ellen* and the *Atlantic* and Capt. Bussells will leave this morning to bring the first named to Wilmington at once to assist in the work of transporting material for the construction, etc.

By reason of the supply of fish on the Chesapeake, operation of the works there is restricted to six months in the year and the difference in season in favor of these waters was one of the valuable considerations in the decision of the promotors of the enterprise to establish a plant here. The fishing off this coast is good under ordinary conditions from Sept. 1st until Christmas and then again from March until June.

Mr. Milligan, with whom the reporter talked, did not make any "loud" claims for his concern and appeared rather retiring regarding the magnitude of the undertaking, but it is safe to assert that the establishment of the rendering works in this section will mean much to Wilmington and to Southport. Mr. Milligan will remain in the city until Monday and is a guest with Capt. Bussells at The Orton.

New Clyde Liner in Port.

The freight steamer *Geo. W. Clyde*, 1,514 tons, Capt. Chicester, of the Clyde Steamship Company, was a visitor to Wilmington's port yesterday to assist the steamship *Oneida* with her freight to New York on this trip. The *Clyde* came from Charleston and brought part cargo of cross ties, cotton seed oil and other freight. She is completing her cargo here with 350,000 feet of lumber and 400 bales of cotton, and expects to sail to-day. The *Oneida* passed out at Southport for her New York trip yesterday morning.

Bound Over to Court.

John Scarboro and Robert Hall, the two negroes who were arrested for cutting Police Officers King and Ward at a street fight near Sixth and Red Cross streets early Christmas morning, were tried yesterday in the municipal court and bound over to Criminal Court under a $50 bond each. They were committed in default of bail.

Sedgeley Hall Property Sold.

By virtue of a decree of the January term of the New Hanover Superior Court, Herbert McClammy, Esq., receiver, yesterday sold at public auction the Sedgeley Hall Club property on Carolina Beach. The property was bid in by Mr. Andrew Smith for $1,000, the sale being, of course, subject to confirmation of the court.

Re-Opening of the Schools.

Most of the county schools will resume their work to-morrow, while some of them will not begin until several days later. The schools in the city, both public and private, will reopen Wednesday morning.

OFF WITH THE OLD

And on with the new is fickle fashion's whimsical style. But she can't beat us on lightning changes. We are watching every mood of the fickle Dame, and bob up serenely in all seasons with the newest and most correct styles and the best and handsomest fabrics for our patrons' selection.

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Full line of Furnishing Goods.

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DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

The Benevolent Society is very grateful to the following kind friends for gifts to the Home during the past two months: Mrs. Bridgers, twice; Dr. Armstrong, Mrs. H. T. Wilder, twice; Mrs. Louise Harlowe, twice; a friend, Masters Will and Alex Sprunt, Mrs. Roger Moore, Miss Watters, Masonic Festival, Mrs. B. F. Hall, twice; Mrs. Will Sprunt, a friend, Mrs. W. A. French, Mrs. Walter Parsley, St. John's church, a friend, Mrs. J. L. Cantrell, a turkey, Mrs. Phil. Pearsall, Mrs. J. W. Atkinson a turkey, Mrs. Hall McKoy, Mr. James Sprunt, turkey and oranges; Mr. J. H. Heinze, a friend, a turkey, Mr. J. F. Garrell, Miss Ladie Brown, the King Grocery Co., Mr. Hicks Bunting, medicines; Mrs. T. M. Emerson, $5. The society owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Bunting, which it can never repay. Since the opening of the Catherine Kennedy Home he has furnished our prescriptions free of cost, and in addition has given many other medicines. Scarcely a week passes that he does not come to our assistance in this line. It would be a serious question with the inmates but for his generosity.

The regular meeting will be held Monday next, the 31st of December at 3:30 o'clock. This change is made in the day because of the new year coming on our regular day, Tuesday. Members will please take notice of this change.

Maxton Guards Reorganized.

The Maxton Guards, of Maxton, N. C., which were recently disbanded by the Adjutant General for failure to muster a sufficient number of members for the annual inspection, have been reorganized with 45 men and officers as Company M., Second Regiment, N. C. S. G. The officers are, Captain G. B. Snellen, First Lieutenant H. G. Utley, Second Lieutenant D. A. Patterson.

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5,000 Porto Rico Oranges

Just arrived. Very sweet. For sale by C. D. MAFFITT,
Ship Chandler and Grocer, 105 North Water St.
Bell 'Phone 474.
Will sell any quantity. dec 29 3t

Schedule B Tax.

All Liquor Dealers are hereby notified that the Taxes on the Purchases of Liquor for the preceding six months are required to be given in and paid during the first ten days of January, proximo.

W. H. BIDDLE,
dec 30 1t Register of Deeds.

THE SUREST WAY!
To please woman-kind

Is to give them something to beautify the home. To do this without much cost make a selection from my stock of Bamboo and Oak Novelties—something New, Novel, Useful and Cheap.

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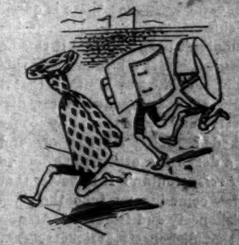

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30.

WHICH IS BETTER?

The Republican organs of the North are beginning to recognize the inevitable, as regards qualified suffrage in the South, but they are not now excited over it as they would have been a few years ago. There are reasons for this which may interest the negro as well as the white man. As an evidence that they recognize the inevitable: we clip the following editorial from the Philadelphia *Press*, which is recognized as one of the leading Republican organs of the country and to some extent an organ of the administration, on account of the close relations between the President and its editor-in-chief, Chas. Emory Smith.

"The year 1901 is certain to see two new Constitutions framed and probably in force in Southern States. These States are Alabama and Virginia. In the latter State it was decided at a special election held last May to call a convention for the revision of the Constitution and the election of delegates will soon occur. In the former State the Legislature has just passed a resolution calling a constitutional convention and fixing upon April 23, next, as the date for electing delegates and upon May 21, following, as the time for the convention to meet.

"The chief object in holding these conventions and in framing new Constitutions is to devise some method by which a legal coloring may be given to the disfranchisement of the colored voters. This disfranchisement is already accomplished in Alabama by ballot box stuffing and tally sheet forging, and in Virginia by the help of an election law as vicious as the notorious Goebel law of Kentucky. It is pretty well understood by what means the desired object will be reached. In order to take the ballot away from the colored man but to disfranchise no white man a strict educational and property qualification for the suffrage will be established, and at the same time some exceptions applying to white men only will be added. This will accomplish the same purpose under the shadow of the law which is now gained by cheating at the polls.

"Four States in the South have already adopted such Constitutions. They are Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina. The addition of Alabama and Virginia will make six States in the South in which suffrage restrictions have been adopted. A constitutional amendment has been introduced into the Georgia Legislature with the same object in view and the propriety of framing similar suffrage restrictions is being discussed by Maryland Democrats. Within a few years, as things are now drifting, every Southern State will have disfranchised the colored voter under the forms of the law."

This is a recognition of the inevitable, and a virtual confession that they can't do anything about it, if they were disposed to do anything. Some years ago when the Republican party was not as firmly entrenched in power as it now is the leaders and their organs attached some importance to the negro vote of the South, but with the success they have met with in the Southern States and the hopelessness of capturing any of the Southern States with the negro vote they have lost interest in it although they pretend to believe disfranchising negroes a great outrage.

But this editorial from the *Press* suggests some inquiries. Asserting that the object of these election laws is to deprive the negroes of the ballot "under color of law," it adds "this is already accomplished" by ballot stuffing, intimidation, false counts, &c. Without, for the present, questioning the truth of this assertion, and even conceding it to be true, what difference does it make as far as the negro voter is concerned whether there is qualified suffrage or not, as long as his vote doesn't count? And if this be so, isn't it better all 'round that this vote be regulated by law than that it should be done by lawlessness, dishonesty, and sometimes by other methods? Being six one way and half a dozen the other, according to the *Press*, wouldn't it be better that the law come in and take the place of dishonesty and trickery? Assuming that dishonesty, trickery, &c., are now, or have been, resorted to to suppress the negro vote, wouldn't it be better to relegate all that and have something understood about the negro vote, what negroes could vote and what negroes could not? This would at least give us quiet, peaceable elections, without causing collisions over disputed votes. Isn't this worth something when it is accomplished by law? According to the Republican organs, negro voting, even when they are allowed to vote, is a mere formality, or, as some of them assert, a grotesque burlesque, and if so, why isn't it better to dispense with the burlesque and let the voting be done decently and in accordance with law, although the law may not be fully acceptable to the alleged friends of the negroes, who are not half as much interested in the ballot as these alleged friends pretend to be?

The fact is there isn't one negro in six now who cares a continental about the ballot unless they are whooped up, and some inducement offered to get them to the polls. If they cared much for it the little matter of a poll tax, &c., wouldn't keep them away from the polls as it does thousands of them in Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee, where they got rid of the negro vote years ago with a simple poll tax provision, which is the case also in Georgia, and ought to be in every State, to apply to both white and black.

The *Press* is right in the opinion that qualified suffrage laws will be adopted in all the Southern States where they have not already been adopted. The Southern States have after long experience and mature deliberation, but without any malice towards the negro, come to the conclusion that restricted suffrage is one of the first steps towards the solution of the race problem, and it is generally conceded by impartial observers that where it has been established it is a good thing for the black man and the white man, a conclusion that the whole country will settle down to when the system has had a fair trial and the result is passed upon without partisan bias or prejudice.

If the Southern States had waited until they got the consent of the alleged friends of the negroes there never would be any successful movement in that direction and we would go right on in the old unsatisfactory way, settling nothing, and accomplishing by questionable methods what is now accomplished by law, law which would doubtless have been much sooner resorted to in the North than in the South, if they had in proportion to population half as many negroes up there as we have in the South.

But the *Press* does not state the case truthfully in its conclusion when it says "Within a few years, as things are now drifting, every Southern State will have disfranchised the colored voter under the forms of law." This is not true. There is not one of the Southern States which will "disfranchise the colored voter," but only that number of colored voters who cannot meet the requirements of the laws, which are easily complied with by the average negro who desires to vote.

GOT THEMSELVES BADLY MIXED.

The Constitution of the United States is not a very voluminous document, but it seems to be a mystery that some of our statesmen cannot solve, for when it comes to discussing it they are as much at sea as to its scope as if it had been written in the mystic characters found by explorers in some of the ruins of prehistoric cities, which so puzzle the archæologists.

The trouble with some of them is that they want to make it an elastic instrument that they can stretch or contract to suit emergencies and enable them to do under cover of it whatever they want to do, an instrument of limited powers in one direction and of unlimited or despotic powers in another, and that's why they get themselves so badly mixed up, an illustration of which we have in the contention as to the constitutional powers of Congress as they apply to our new acquisitions, a question to which they gave no thought when they started out in the game of grab. As showing the contradictory and perplexing attitude in which these contentions place them, we quote the following editorial from the New York *Herald*, a non-partisan journal:

"A correspondent whose letter we published yesterday cited the thirteenth amendment, which declares that 'neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist within the United States *or any place subject to their jurisdiction*,' and said:—This does away with your argument, that should the Supreme Court decide in favor of the administration's policy, Congress could recognize slavery in our new possessions.'

"Others have taken the same view as our correspondent. They lay stress on the closing words of the thirteenth amendment, *'or other place within their jurisdiction.'* This, it is argued, can only mean the national domain outside of the States—that is, the Territories and insular possessions.

"The fatal objection to that theory is that the very cornerstone of the government's contention is that the the constitution does not apply to the Territories or other possessions beyond the States until it is expressly extend to them by Congress. This contention must affect every part of the constitution as directly and as forcibly as it does the whole. How can it be claimed that the constitution does not apply to the Territories or new possessions, and in the next that one of its amendments has full force there? How can it be argued that the power of Congress is absolute beyond the States because not limited by the constitution, and at the same time contend that it is not absolute because restricted?

"Under a volley of pointed questions from a surprised Bench Attorney General Griggs made the sweeping admissions that Congress was free to abolish personal rights in the Territory and new possessions or set up a despotic government. It is not apparent how on his reasoning he could have denied to Congress the power to recognize slavery."

To be consistent in the contention that the constitution does not "follow the flag," they must deny that it is operative in our contiguous territory, which may be ruled at the whim of Congress, without any regard to constitutional limitations, a dictum unthought of or unheard of until now, when in their extremity the expansionists must put the people of the contiguous territories on precisely the same footing as the island possessions acquired from Spain. If they were to attempt to carry out in practice that contention what a racket it would raise in this country.

But the fact is they regard the constitution as a mere document of convenience under their interpretation of which they pretend to find justification for the arbitrary acts they commit, and for the plain requirements that they ignore.

TALK WITH A FILIPINO

We hear much these days, from administration sources, about the waning of the warlike spirit in the Philippines, and of the abandonment of Aguinaldo by the people, but these reports do not tally with the frequent fights reported nor with the area over which the fighting occurs.

Rafael Del Pan Fontela, a Filipino, first President of the Madrid junta, has just arrived in New York and has given the public his views on the situation in the Philippines, which are quite different from the stories told by the friends of the administraiion. He is a lawyer, was for some time chief adviser of Aguinaldo and published a paper in Manila, until driven out by the American soldiers, when he went to Madrid and organized the Filipino junta. Telling why he came to this country he said:

"I came here to be free. It was impossible for me to be other than a slave to America when I lived with my wife and five children in Manila, so I have come where I won't have to be subservient. Americans are not subservient to Americans, and while I don't approve of the American methods employed in the Philippines I'd rather be a free American than an enslaved Filipino."

He could return to Manila, he said, and practice his profession or publish his newspaper, provided he would take the oath of allegiance to this country, which he would not do, adding:

"I'm no hypocrite, and can't take such an oath when my people are in a struggle which must end in death or freedom. I will not return to the Philippines until independence has been gained. The impression has got abroad that Aguinaldo is dead. This is nonsense. He has a large following and every man under him is there to do or die. The war has just begun, unless America accedes to the demands of the Filipinos."

Referring to the scheme, encouraged by the Commission presided over by Judge Taft, to organize a political party to co-operate with the Americans, he said:

"This scheme is doomed to failure. The leaders, Buencamino and Paterno, are leaders without a party. They are time servers. During the Spanish dominion, they were more Spanish than the Spaniards. During the effective life of the Filipino republic they were ardent patriots.

"When the United States troops captured the Filipino capital, Tarlac, these men allowed themselves to be prisoners and have since professed ardent enthusiasm for United States supremacy. Any proposal made by them is sure to be rejected by the Filipinos, who will apply to them the proverb which, being translated is 'the same dogs with different collars.'

"Last June Buencamino made an attempt to organize a party for autonomy. No one responded. In October Paterno tried to organize festivals in Manila and asked Filipino revolutionists to co operate with him in asking for a broad plan of self government. The United States people hardly have forgotten the complete failure of the Manila festivals and the indifference with which the people treated Senor Paterno's efforts.

"Now Paterno and Buencamino join their forces, proposing to organize a new party, a 'federal party.' As the force of each amounts to zero, their united forces will be double zero."

That is the Filipino side of it, which differs very materially from the rose-colored representations made from day to day by the friends of the administration who are supporting the policy of benevolent assimilation with powder and ball.

A lynching party in Mississippi recently lynched the wrong man. Bloodhounds ran him down and the lynchers promptly strung him up. Afterwards they discovered that it was the wrong man, who happened to bear the same name as the fellow they wanted. The only excuse the dogs had for their blunder was the similarity of names. But even in cases like that dogs are liable to err, and put people who are on a hanging intent to a good deal of exercise for nothing.

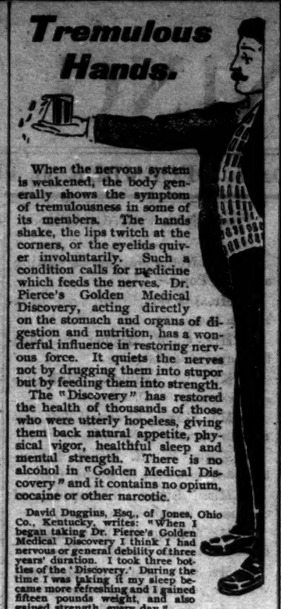
CURRENT COMMENT.

—It is said that the destitution and starvation in China exceed all description. And yet the nations are about to demand an indemnity of China which goes up into the hundreds of millions.—*Baltimore Herald, Rep.*

—Although the London press has almost unanimously condemned the action of the Senate in amending the so-called Hay-Pauncefote Treaty out of almost every trace of its original shape, there seems to be a general impression at Washington that England will promptly, (even if grudgingly, accept all the changes in the instrument. If our British cousins were free from the South African trouble, the case might be very different, and almost certainly would be so.—*Philadelphia Telegraph, Rep.*

—Whenever Boers are chased by Britons it is the pursuers not the pursued who are caught. The fleeing Boers or a detachment of them invariably hide in some convenient place of concealment commanding an exposed part of the route of pursuit, and when the British come along they suddenly find themselves exposed to cross-fires from the front, flank and rear, making retreat or advance equally impossible and surrender the only alternative to annihilation. The trick is so simple and has been played so often by the Boers that one can scarce believe it could be any longer practiced with success on men possessed of ordinary common sense.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

Tremulous Hands.



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My life is like the shattered wreck
Cast by the waves upon the shore,
The broken mast, the rifted deck,
Tell of the shipwreck that is o'er;
Yet from the relics of the storm
The mariner his raft will form,
Again to tempt the faithless sea;
But hope rebuilds no barque for me.

My life is like the blighted oak
That lifts its seared and withered form,
Scathed by the lightning's sudden stroke,
Sternly to meet the coming storm;
Yet round that sapless trunk will twine
The curling tendrils of the vine,
And life and freshness there impart—
Not to this passion blighted heart.

My life is like a desert rock,
In the mid-ocean lone and drear,
Worn by the wild waves' ceaseless shock
That round its base their surges rear;
Yet there the sea moss still will cling,
Some flower a cleft will find to spring,
And breathe e'en there a sweet perfume;
For me life's flowers will no more bloom.

My life is like the desert waste,
By human footsteps seldom pressed;
The eye no fresh'ning there can trace,
No verdant spot on which to rest;
Yet e'en amidst these sands so drear
The stork will tend her young with care;
E'en there the notes of joy impart;
But naught can cheer my lonely heart.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Alamance *Gleaner*: The will of the late Charles T. Holt was administered to probate last week. His estate is estimated to be worth about $185,000. He had $71,000 life insurance.

— Rockingham *Anglo Saxon*: A negro named Bryant Kelley was shot in the street between the depot and waiting rooms Saturday night about 7 o'clock and died in a very few minutes. Suspicion pointed to two parties, Phil Boggan and Bose Chappel, and warrants were issued for each of them. Neither has yet been apprehended.

— Chatham *Record*: We regret to hear of the death of Mr. John D. Dorsett, of Hickory Mountain township, who died on last Sunday, aged 47 years. —— There was an unusually large number of marriages in Chatham during this Christmas. On the three days preceding Christmas day our register of deeds issued 26 marriage licenses, and he was a new hand at the business at that.

— Salisbury *Sun*: Mr. John F. Freeze, of Haris, this county, met with a painful misfortune on last Friday afternoon. He was in his buggy jogging along at a lively pace through a piece of wood, and when directly beneath a tall oak tree a rotten limb gave way from the trunk of the tree, falling across the buggy and Mr. Freeze's legs. The bones in one leg were broken in several places.

— Monroe *Inquirer*: There was a peculiarly sad death at Mr. Zebulon Richardson's son, in South Monroe township, last Saturday afternoon. A little two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson was playing in the yard when he fell headforemost into to a pot containing about a gallon of water. When found the little fellow was dead. The water did not quite cover the little fellow's head, but covered his mouth and nostrils and drowned him

— Tarboro *Southerner*: An unknown negro lies at the point of death near Speed. About 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening he attempted to break into the dwelling of Ben Whitley in the room in which the children were. Frank Shirley, a boy, shot at him twice through the window to scare him off, but this did not succeed, so the third time he took aim and shot the fellw in the head. Much of the brain is out and it does not seem possible that he can live. No one knows who he is or any thing concerning him. He wore a white hat, and had rather small hands and weighed about 150 pounds. He appears to be about 21 years old.

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Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, O., prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of Pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c. and $1 00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles 10c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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I SUFFERED from catarrh; it got so bad I could not work; I used Ely's Cream Balm and am entirely well. —A. C. Clarke, 341 Shawmut Ave., Boston, Mass.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Thomas' Church. First mass, 7 A. M.; high mass and sermon, 10:30 A. M.; vespers, sermon, 7:45 P. M.

There will be no morning service at Delgado Mills to-day. Rev. P. C. Morton will fill his appointment there to-night.

Services at Seamen's Bethel this afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. Carmichael. The public is invited to attend.

Christian Science service at the Masonic Temple, room No. 10, this morning at 11.15 o'clock. Subject of Bible lesson, "Christian Science."

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, North Fourth street, above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. Morning service only at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9 45 A. M. All seats free, and every person welcome.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sixth and Market streets, Rev. A. G. Voigt, pastor. English services to day at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Preaching at the evening service by Rev. R. H. Cline, of Cherryville, N. C. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M.

Services in St. John's Church to-day, Sunday after Christmas, by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael. Holy communion, 7 45 A. M.; morning prayer, litany and sermon, 11 A. M.; evening prayer and sermon, 7.30 P. M. Sunday school, 3 30 P. M. The public cordially invited.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Fair words never hurt the tongue.—*George Chapman.*

— Everyone can master a grief but he that has it.—*Shakespeare*

— The finest edge is made with the blunt whetstone.—*John Lyly*

— Clearly the mold of a man's fortune is in his own hands.—*Francis Bacon.*

— The miserable have no other medicine but only hope.—*Shakespeare.*

— They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts.—*Sir Philip Sidney.*

— They are as sick that surfeit with too much as they that starve with nothing.—*Shakespeare.*

— No pleasure is comparable to the standing on the vantage ground of truth.—*Francis Bacon*

— Young men think old men are fools; but old men know young men are fools.—*George Chapman.*

— Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt.—*Shakespeare.*

— Revenge is a kind of wild justice which the more man's nature runs to the more ought law to weed it out.—*Francis Bacon.*

— The elder in charge of a congregation ought to be a most earnest advocate of prayer meetings, for these are the meetings that so greatly help his members.

— As the principle of love is the main principal in the heart of the real Christian, so the labor of love is the main business of the Christian life.—*Jonathan Edwards.*

— The world is what we make it. Forward, then! Forward in the power of faith, forward in the power of truth, forward in the power of friendship, forward in the power of freedom, forward in the power of hope, forward in the power of God!

TWINKLINGS.

— "That," said the low comedian, "was the greatest play bill of them all." "What was?" asked the heavy tragedian. "Bill Shakespeare."

— "Do you think her hair is all real?" "Why, of course. A girl of her means would never buy any other kind.—*Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.*

— Miss Sharpe—"I hear you are going to be married at last," Miss Snappie (of Chicago)—"That's my business!" Miss Sharpe—"Indeed! Wholesale or retail?"

— "Tommy," said his gentle-faced grandmother, "You're a regular little glutton. How can you eat so much?" "Don't know, granny. 'Spose its just good luck."—*Tit-Bits.*

— Wife—"Do you mean to insinuate that your judgment is superior to mine?" Husband—"Certainly not, my dear; our choice of life partners proves it isn't."—*Chicago News.*

— Bronx—"Did you hear that fellow at the other table call for a glass of water and a tooth pick?" I suppose that's meant to be funny." Penn—"No, indeed; quite serious. Have you never eaten Schuylkil water?

— "And was it etiquette that kept you from taking the second piece of pie?" asked the host. "No," replied the candid youngster; "it was papa. He had his hand all ready to pinch the minute I reached for the pie."—*Chicago Daily News.*

— "Say, old man, how do you tell as a debutante from a girl in her fourth season, when you don't know either and one looks as old as the other?" "Watch 'em at a problem play or when a risky story is being told. The debutante tries not to appear shocked, though she is, while the other pretends to be shocked, though she isn't."—*Town Topics*

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—28 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—96 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 154 barrels rosin, 70 barrels tar, 12 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—18 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 11 barrels rosin, 6 barrels tar.

C. C. Railroad—4 casks spirits turpentine, 19 barrels rosin, 9 barrels tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—6 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 210 barrels tar.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—325 barrels tar.

Total—Cotton, 148 bales; spirits turpentine, 15 casks; rosin, 284 barrels; tar, 620 barrels; crude turpentine, 12 barrels.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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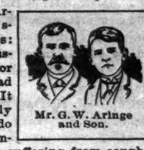

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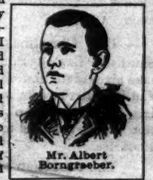
Mr. Joseph Kirchensteiner, 87 Croton street, Cleveland, O., says: "We have used Pe-ru-na for eight years as our family medicine. During the whole of that time we have not had to employ a physician. Our family consists of seven, and we always use it for the thousand and one ailments to which mankind is liable. We have used it in cases of scarlet fever, measles and la grippe. Whenever one of the family feel in the least ill mother always says: 'Take Pe-ru-na and you will be well,' or, if we do not happen to have any, 'We will have to get more Pe-ru-na.' Pe-ru-na is always satisfactory in colds and coughs."

Mr. Joseph Kirchensteiner.



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Free Correspondence.

The climatic diseases of winter are mainly coughs, colds, catarrh, bronchitis, tonsilitis and other catarrhal affections of the respiratory tract. Pe-ru-na is an absolute specific for all of these affections. Pe-ru-na will cure a cough or a cold in a very few days. Pe-ru-na will cure chronic catarrh even of years' standing in a few weeks. Pe-ru-na should be kept in every house as a safeguard against the many affections to which the family is liable during the winter season.

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Mr. W. E. McKain.

Mr. W. E. McKain, Iowa Park, Texas, who was completely restored to health by Pe-ru-na, writes as follows: "I have used your Pe-ru-na and have given it a thorough trial. I must say the result was flattering to you, and I can conscientiously recommend it for coughs, colds, and especially la grippe." Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O., for a book on chronic catarrh. Sent free.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 29.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.80 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market dull at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 49½@49c; rosin firm at $1 10@1.15; tar steady at $1.25; crude turpentine firm at $1.50@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	15
Rosin	284
Tar	620
Crude turpentine	12

Receipts same day last year.—48 casks spirits turpentine, 644 bbls rosin, 538 bbls tar, 79 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market quiet on a basis of 9¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 13-16	cts ₱ lb
Good ordinary	8 3 16	" "
Low middling	8 13-16	" "
Middling	9¼	" "
Good middling	9 9-16	" "

Same day last year middling steady at 7c.

Receipts—148 bales; same day last year, 191.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants.]

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PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 80c. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c.

CORN—Firm; 58 to 60 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 13 to 15c per pound; shoulders, 10 to 11c; sides, 8 to 9c.

EGGS—Steady at 20 cents per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 20@22 cents; springs, 10@15 cents.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25 cents.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½ cents per pound.

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 8 to 10c; dressed, 12½ to 16c.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 47½ to 50c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Money on call steady at 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange nominal; actual business in bankers' bills at 485 for demand and 481½@481¾ for 60 days. Posted rates were 483 and 486. Commercial bills 480¼@481. Silver certificates 64½@65. Bar silver 63¾. Mexican dollars 50. Government bonds firmer. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 2's reg'd, 106½; U. S. refund'g 3's, coupon, 107½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, —; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 111½; do. coupon, 111½; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 138½; do. coupon, 138½; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 116¾; do. coupon, 117¾; U. S. 5's, reg'd, 114¾; do. coupon, 114¾; Southern Railway 5's 114. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 83; Chesapeake & Ohio 41¾; Manhattan L. 114½; N. Y. Central 145½; Reading 34¾; do. 1st pref'd 70; St. Paul, 146½; do. pref'd, 187; Southern Railway 21½; pref'd 73; American Tobacco, 111¾; do. pref'd 135; People's Gas 104¼; Sugar 148¾; do. pref'd 117; T. C. & Iron 64; U. S. Leather 14½; do. preferred 77; Western Union 84. Standard Oil 800@809.

BALTIMORE, December 29. Seaboard Air Line, common, 10½@10¾; preferred 37½@38. Bonds—4's 71@71¼; water 4's 96; 6's 110; Atlantic Coast Line 4's 101½; Consolidated 4's 101½; Seaboard Air Line 4's 85; 5's 103; Georgia & Alabama 5's 114; Georgia Carolina & Northern 5's 110; Norfolk & Western 6's 123; Virginia Midland 5's 110; 6's 112; Georgia Pacific 5's 110; Chesapeake & Ohio 4½'s 107; Consolidated 6's 127; Tennessee Settlement 3's 74; Virginia 6's, old, 70; new 6's 70; Virginia Centuries 62; Virginia Deferred 8; North Carolina 6's, old, 125; new 4's 102; Chesapeake & Ohio 5's 117; Atlanta & Charlotte 7's 140; Seaboard Air Line

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MAN'S FIRST DISOBEDIENCE.

Of man's first disobedience and the fruit
Of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste
Brought death into the world, and all our woe,
With loss of Eden, till one greater Man
Restore us and regain the blissful seat,
Sing, heavenly muse, that on the secret top
Of Oreb or of Sinai didst inspire
That shepherd, who first taught the chosen seed,
In the beginning how the heavens and earth
Rose out of chaos; or, if Sion hill
Delight thee more and Siloa's brook that flowed
Fast by the oracle of God, I thence
Invoke thy aid to my adventurous song,
That with no middle flight intends to soar
Above the Aonian mount, while it pursues
Things unattempted yet in prose or rhyme.
And chiefly thou, O Spirit, that dost prefer
Before all temples the upright heart and pure,
Instruct me, for thou know'st, thou from the first
Was present, and, with mighty wings outspread,
Dovelike, sat'st brooding on the vast abyss
And made it pregnant; what in me is dark,
Illume; what is low, raise and support,
That to the height of this great argument
I may assert eternal providence
And justify the ways of God to men.

—Milton.

INTERVIEWING TOM REED.

A Reporter's Account of How He Didn't Succeed In Doing It.

Did you ever have a newspaper reporter tell you of attempts to interview Tom Reed? Every reporter has a different story. One of the first assignments I got years ago on The Journal was to go down to Portland and ask Thomas B. Reed a few questions about a matter on which it was thought he would be willing to talk. I had heard so many yarns about Reed's gruffness with the gentle scribe that when I walked up his front steps in Portland I could better than ever before understand some of the trepidation of Jack the Giant Killer.

Mr. Reed came down into the reception room from up stairs some place. He had on a dressing gown that made him loom like a rosebush tied up on a frosty night in fall. He carried a book in his hands, the volume shut on a finger, and he was beaming. I was awfully surprised to see the radiance of the good nature on his face.

"Harr-d'ye do-o-o," says he. "Harlo! Sit down!"

So I sat, and, inspired by the bland benignancy of that round face, I unfolded my errand.

He listened placidly. When I had finished, a smile started from under his chin and spread itself over his features. There was no negative shake of his head. There was no frown of refusal. I could see that he was going to talk. I could feel that he was going to be good for a column at least. A part of his rosy glow diffused my being. I felt like sticking my thumb in the armhole of my waistcoat. Mr. Reed leaned forward confidentially.

"Frankly," said he with great heartiness, "frankly, my dear sir"— and he paused impressively and then repeated, "Frankly I must tell you that I will not state my opinion for the ear of the Lewiston Journal, for—and I think you will agree with me in this—the Lewiston Journal will go right off and tell somebody else, and that wouldn't be a nice thing to do."

And then he sat down and beamed at a greatly embarrassed young man.

But somehow I couldn't return even the dimmest reflection of the smile. I basked there a moment in the genial glow, and then I took my hand away from the door-knob on the outside of the big door.—Lewiston Journal.

Through Children's Eyes.

Elizabeth Harrison, in her "Study of Child Nature," says that children begin to learn the intellectual value of words as soon as they are familiar with them in their material relations. "Sweet," "sour," "rough," "crooked," as applied to character, mean something to them when they have investigated them first through the senses.

Occasionally they translate the new meaning rashly and make laughable mistakes. One morning we had hyacinth bulbs; we examined them and then compared them with the blossoming hyacinths on the window sill.

A story of two years later on onion was brought in to us by a child, as anuous fat, round flower baby for us to plant. I had some difficulty in making the children see the difference, but finally, cutting the onion open, I blinded their eyes and let them smell first the flower bulb and then the onion bulb. An hour or two later one of the little girls spoke in an irritated, petulant voice to her neighbor, who had accidentally knocked over her blocks.

"Look out," said the little one on the other side of her, "or you'll have an onion voice soon!"

The Force of Heredity.

A college professor in Maine tells how he convinced a friend who did not believe that beavers could build dams. He bought a baby beaver of a hunter and sent it to his skeptical friend.

The creature became a great pet in the house, but showed no signs of wanting to build a dam until one Monday morning a leaky pail full of water was put on the floor of the back kitchen. The beaver was there. He was only a baby, to be sure, but the moment he saw the water oozing out of a crack in the pail he scampered into the yard, brought in a chip and began his work.

His owner was called and watched the little fellow, very much astonished at what he saw. He gave orders to have the pail left where it was, and the industrious beaver kept at his work four weeks, when he had built a solid dam all around the pail.—Animal World.

Feminine Curiosity.

"Mr. Dolley, won't you let me look at your watch a little while?"

"Certainly, Miss Flypp. Do you want to consult the time?"

"No," repplied the girl, as she opened it and examined its case and works. "I was curious to see if water tarnished gold or had any effect on the watch's delicate mechanism."

"Water? What do you mean?"

"Well, Mr. Hunker told me you were in the habit of soaking your watch. What is the object of such treatment, Mr. Dolley?"—Harlem Life.

Deceptive Appearances.

The One—Now, you wouldn't think that shabby old fellow coming across the street was worth $1,000,000, would you?

The Other—No; I would not. I should say about $100,000. He doesn't look poverty stricken enough for a millionaire.—Indianapolis Press.

CARNIVAL OF BLOOD.

THE FEARFUL RITES THAT USED TO OBTAIN IN AFRICA.

Human Sacrifices Were of Common Occurrence—The Execution Bowl and the Infliction of the Death Penalty on the Victims.

Ashanti, in western Africa, embraces about 70,000 English square miles in area, and its population has been variously estimated from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000. The country proper is one continuous forest, and this is traversed by narrow, winding paths which are broad enough for pedestrians and chair and burden carriers, but not for vehicles. Despite the dense woods there is a remarkable absence of animal life, and men who have penetrated into the deepest parts of the woods have wondered at the absence of bird and beast. When the land has been cultivated, it has been found extremely fertile and productive of large crops of grain, vegetables, yams and fruits. Gold is also found in large quantities, and the principal exports are gold dust and palm oil. For many years it was one of the greatest slave shipping points. Twenty-five forts were built upon the coast in the course of as many years, and in these the European merchants carried on their slave trade.

In this barbaric country polygamy ran riot to the extent that a king's regular allowance of wives was 3,333, and the custom of human sacrifice was so well established that a ruler could have his subjects or prisoners killed for no reason further than that he wished it done. The system of human sacrifice was founded to some extent on the idea of piety toward parents and superiors. It is the popular belief that one's standing in the next world depends on the number of attendants sent after him. Several times every year the king visited the places where his predecessors were kept. These were not buried, but they sat in state, their bones held together by links of precious metal. There the prisoners of war were brought before the king and executed in ways to suit his fancy.

In a sketch written by Colonel George Baden-Powell in 1896, when he was a major of the Thirteenth hussars, that officer had this to say of the practice of human sacrifice: "'Kumassi' means the death place. One town possessed no less than three places of execution. One, for private execution, was at the palace; a second, for public decapitations, was on the parade ground; a third, for fetich sacrifices, was in the sacred village of Bantama."

In speaking of the execution bowl, he said: "It is a large basin of brass, some five feet in diameter, ornamented with four small lions and a number of round knobs all around its rim, except at one part, where there is a space for the victim's neck to rest on the edge. The blood of the victims was allowed to putrefy in the bowl, and, leaves and certain herbs being added, it was considered a very valuable fetich medicine.

"Any great function was seized upon as an excuse for human sacrifices. The king went every quarter to pay his devotions to the shades of his ancestors at Bantama, and this demanded the death of 20 men over the great bowl. On the death of any great personage two of the household slaves were at once killed on the threshold of the door in order to attend their master immediately in his new life, and his grave was afterward lined with the bodies of more slaves, who were to form his retinue in the spirit world. It was thought all the better if, during the burial, one of the attendant mourners could be stunned with a club and dropped, still breathing, into the grave before it was filled in. In the case of a great lady dying slave girls were the victims."

Then there was a death penalty for the infraction of laws. For instance, anybody who found a nugget of gold and who did not send it at once to the king was liable to decapitation; so also was any one who picked up anything of value lying on the parade ground, or who sat down in the shade of the fetich tree. It is said that the king of Bantama, one of the provinces, preferred a richer color in the red stucco on the walls of his palace and that for this purpose the blood of 400 virgins was used.

When once a man had been selected and seized for execution, there were only two ways by which he could evade it. One was to repeat the "king's oath," a certain formula of words, before they could gag him. The other was to break loose from his captors and run as far as the Bantama-Kumassi crossroads. If he could reach this point before being overtaken, he was allowed to go free. In order to guard against their prisoners getting off by either of these methods the executioners used to spring on the intended victim from behind, and while one bound his hands behind his back another drove a knife through both his cheeks, which effectually prevented him from opening his mouth to speak, and in this horrible condition he had to await his turn for execution. When the time came, the executioners, mad with blood, would make a rush for him and force him upon the bowl. Then one of them, using a large kind of a butcher's knife, would cut into the spine and so carve the head off. At great executions torture was resorted to in order to please the spectators. It certainly seems that the people had by frequent indulgence become imbued with a kind of blood lust and that to them an execution was as attractive an entertainment as is a bullfight to a Spaniard or a football match to an Englishman.

The contract made between the king and the English government in 1874 contained a clause which provided for the abolition of the custom, but sacrifices were made until the expedition of 1895 was undertaken. The objects of this expedition were besides putting an end to human sacrifice to wipe out slave trading and raiding, to insure peace and security for the neighboring tribes and to settle the country and protect the development of trade. The expedition ended in the downfall of the Ashanti king.

It need not be supposed that all the property found in the palace was of great value. There were piles of the tawdriest and commonest stuff mixed indiscriminately with quaint, old and valuable articles.

The celebrated dinner service of Dutch silver, the king's golden hat, his golden chair of state and, above all, the royal stool, the emblem of the king of Ashanti, had been removed before the victorious English troops took possession of the "palace," which was nothing more than a collection of straw and mud covered huts. These were destroyed by the English troops, and some of the sacrificial paraphernalia was blown up with dynamite.—New York Tribune.

A Young Barbarian.

They don't have family prayers in the household circle of a certain 5-year-old. Thereby hangs a story of an embarrassing episode. The minister called the other day and at the close of his call offered prayer. The next day the 5-year-old aforesaid, the bright and shining light of the household where the prayers were offered, entertained her mother's callers with an account of the pastor's visit.

"And they did an awful queer thing," said the youngster. "They never did that at our house before."

"And what was that?" graciously asked one of the callers.

"Why, just before the minister got ready to go he read a little out of a book, and then they all got down and smelled of the chairs."—Lewiston Journal.

The Rise of the Cranberry.

The cranberry is a product of the country's development, coming forward in the last 50 years from a small, hard, bitter berry to a handsomely shaped and good sized fruit. As the quality has improved the berries have increased in popularity with consumers until supplies are hardly sufficient to satisfy normal demands.—National Fruit Grower.

Outstripped It.

"As I recall things, you once had a future before you," said the old friend.

"Yes," replied the fate tossed man, "but, you see, I lived so fast that I got ahead of it."—Chicago Post.

California redwood contains practically no resin, but a large amount of water, which makes the green wood so exceedingly heavy that often the lower log of a tree will sink in water.

AFTER DECAPITATION.

How Long Can a Beheaded Man Live and Move.

Recently there has been much argument abroad aiming to prove that the decapitation of criminals is the most cruel form possible of inflicting the death sentence. Some of the pronounced opponents of this form of capital punishment declared that the circulation of blood in the severed head did not cease for three hours and that during that period the head could see, hear and smell. Dr. Wurm, a German expert, has felt moved to reply to these statements. He says that he handled many heads of decapitated criminals and that there is not the least doubt possible as to the fact of absolute death.

"Immediately after the execution," he says, "the heads were pale, entirely bloodless and absolutely without life. Not even reflex actions could be produced, and only for a short period could the galvanic current produce them. But a most interesting inquiry would be that of remaining spinal energy in the decapitated body. Beheaded frogs, chickens, ducks and even rabbits have been known to carry out independent movements, such as scratching of an irritated spot, jerking away an extremity when it was pinched and going through the motions of running, swimming and jumping."

Apropos of this Dr. Wurm quotes this queer tale told in a book published in 1688 in Hamburg entitled "Greatest Things In the World; or, So Called Relations Curiosæ.

"Emperor Ludwig of Bavaria in 1337 sentenced Sir Dietz of Schauenburg with four squires to death for freebooting. At the place of execution Sir Dietz begged the judges to put him and his squires into a row, each man one foot from the next. Then he was to be executed first, and his body would arise and run as far along the row of prisoners as he could. Each man whom he succeeded in passing was to be let free. The judges laughed and granted the request, saying that never before had they seen a beheaded man run. Thereupon Dietz put his men in a row, placing the one whom he liked the best nearest to him. Then he kneeled, the sword fell and took his head off clean, and in the next instant the body had risen and was darting by the four men. It ran past them all and fell prone a few feet beyond the farthest one. Then the emperor pardoned the men as his judges had promised."

THE OLD FAMILY UMBRELLA.

Walter Besant's Picture of the Genuine Article of the Past.

Those who know the family umbrella of tradition will be interested in reading what Walter Besant remembers about the institution that has disappeared from view:

"The real old family umbrella has gone out. Call that slim, stuck up, affected, attentuated thing a family umbrella. Go away. I remember the genuine family umbrella. It was kept in readiness behind every front door; it was a large, portly, heavy instrument; as an emblem of respectability it was highly esteemed in middle class society; it was serviceable as a tent in rainy weather; it could be used as a weapon of offense and defense on occasion; I have seen a picture of an elderly gentleman keeping off a footpad by means of this lethal umbrella. He made as if he would spear or prod the villain. Why, one prod would alone make a hole of six inches diameter in that murderous carcass. The nurse used to carry it, with difficulty managing the baby and the umbrella; it went out to tea with the young ladies; the maid who fetched them home took the umbrella with her. It succeeded the lantern and the club formerly carried by the 'prentice when he escorted his mistress to the card party after dark.

"I remember it, I say. There were three brothers who came to the same school where I was but a tiny little boy. They lived at some distance and had to pass on their way to school through a stratum of inferior respectability. Every morning brought to these three brothers the delight and the excitement of battle with the boys belonging to that inferior respectability. To the eldest brother, who carried the really important weapon, the umbrella was exactly what his battleax was to the Lion Heart; so he raised it; so he wielded it; so he swung it; so he laid his enemies low to right and to left of him, before him and behind him, while the other two, relying on the books tightly strapped, brought them to bear, with shrewd knocks and thwacks and poundings, on heads and shoulders and ribs. 'Twas a famous family umbrella—green, too, if I remember aright."

Stage Snowstorms.

"You might not think it," said Alexander Semple, a glove manufacturer of Paris, to a representative of the New York Commercial, "but the theaters have to come to our back door to get material to help them out in their beautiful stage effects. Waste glove clippings are now almost universally used for making 'snow' in winter scenes. Every wanderer and outcast you see shivering through these fierce Siberian snowstorms is perishing in a shower of clippings of white kid glove material.

"Theatrical people tell me these clippings of kid gloves are much better than the 'paper snow' formerly used. I think the superiority of kid glove clippings over paper is that they cling better to the clothing of the perishing outcasts.

"The knowledge of this bit of stage illusion rather destroys the effect of a stage snowstorm for me, and I find myself involuntarily selecting plays that have nothing but warm weather in them."

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Stocks and Bonds	1,045 00	Profits less expenses	34,991 46
U. S Bonds	197,100 00	Circulation	146,650 00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	5,000 01	Deposits	494,190 21
Five per cent. redemption fund	7,250 00		
Revenue Stamps	455 02		
Office Furniture	750 00		
Cash on hand and in banks	234,753 11		
Total	$813,091 67	Total	$813,091 67

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At close of business, Dec. 13th, 1900, condensed from Report to Corporation Commission.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$608,105 63	Capital	$ 25,000 00
Real Estate	3,000.00	Profits—less expenses and taxes paid	27,709 88
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DAILY 7.00 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Due Magnolia †8.5 P. M., Warsaw 8.43 P. M., Goldsboro 9.07 P. M., Wilson 10.39 P. M., †Tarboro 6.46 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.32 P. M., Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.35 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 5.35 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.30 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.00 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 4.15 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 9.35 P. M. Newcastle 8.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 2.45 P. M. No. 53—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M., Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9 12 P. M., Columbia 10.35 P. M., Denmark 5.53 A. M., Augusta 7.15 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.20 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 2.45 A. M., Jacksonville 6.30 A. M., St. Augustine 11.10 A. M., Tampa 6.45 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.45 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. No. 42—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.00 P. M., New York †3.35 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.42 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.23 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.49 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.20 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY 9.20 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston †9 night, New York †5.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11.32 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.12 P. M., Richmond 6.55 P. M., Petersburg 7.35 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.00 P. M., †Tarboro 4.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.15 A. M. Leave Wilson 5.57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.45 A. M., Warsaw 7.38 A. M., Magnolia 7.51 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newborn 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.05 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 3.25 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.50 A.M., Sanford 2.20 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 6.40 A. M., Atlanta 1.30 A. M., Macon 9.30 A. M., Augusta 12.30 P. M., Denmark 4.29 P. M., Columbia 8.05 A. M., Sumter 8.08 P. M., Florence 9.35 A. M., Marion 10.25 A. M., Chadbourn 11.41 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.12 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.25 P. M. No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.50 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 6.20 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.20 P. M.

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Benner Gilmer Branch—Train leaves Bannerville 8.05 A. M. Marion 9.15 A. M., Red Springs 9.51 A. M., Hope Mills 10.35 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.45 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.49 P. M., Maxton 6.19 P. M., arrives Bannerville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 18 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Rocky Mount leaves Weldon 3.55 P. M.,

The Morning Star.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30

PRETTY CHRISTMAS WEDDING

Miss Georgia Merritt Became the Beautiful Bride of Mr. S. Milton Dupree on Wednesday Evening.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

ROSE HILL, N. C., December 28.—Miss Georgia Merritt and Mr. S. Milton Dupree were married at "Glendale," near Rose Hill, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs Joe Merritt, Wednesday evening, December 26th. At the appointed hour Mr. Joe Merritt, Jr., of Raleigh, a brother of the bride, ushered the bridal party into the parlor, where about fifty friends were assembled.

The attendants, Miss Lilly Gilliam, of Raleigh, with Mr. Robert W. Merritt, of Hartsville, S. C., a brother of the bride, and Miss Belle Sawyer, of Charlotte, N. C., maid of honor, with Mr. Edward Dupree, of Newbern, best man, took their places under a bower of evergreen, from which a wedding bell of holly and mistletoe was suspended. Following came the bride, who was very prettily attired in a gown of accordeon plaited mousseline, with the groom in evening dress, who stood under the bell, where Rev. A. J. Taylor, assisted by Rev. L E Wells, performed the ceremony in an unusually impressive style.

Afterward, the guests were invited into the dining room where a sumptious supper was served in a most hospitable manner. Holly, mistletoe, calla lillies and white ribbon were tastefully blended and made beautiful decoration in parlor and dining room.

The young lady's attendants were attired in white organdie and the gentlemen in full dress. The handsome array of presents was evidence of the popularity of the bride.

On the morning train the bridal couple left for the home of the groom's parents near Raleigh. After January the first, they will be at Durham, where they will be glad to receive their many friends.

BOERS IN CAPE COLONY.

Kimberly Almost Isolated—Skirmish at Dreifontein—Convoy of Wagons Captured by Boers.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CRADEDOCK CAPE COLONY, December 28.—Kimberly is almost isolated by Boer raiders. No mails have reached there from December 19th to December 25th. Provisions are at famine prices. The military took charge of all the foodstuffs December 22d.

The Leinster regiment, commanded by Major Barry, had a skirmish lasting four hours with the Boers at Dreifontein, December 27th, suffering slight losses.

The Boers at Getuk captured a convoy of twenty five wagons on Christmas eve.

General Kitchener's Report.

LONDON, December 29.—General Kitchener, telegraphing from Pretoria under date of Friday, December 28th, sends a summary of the number of attacks made by the Boers at various points. The only important incident was an attack on a baggage column near Greylingstad. A company with a pompon made a sortie from Greylingstad and drove off the Boers. Captains Radcliffe and Harvest were wounded, eight men killed, twenty-seven others wounded and twenty were reported missing.

BLOEMFONTEIN, December 28.—The British have re-occupied Ficksburg, which for some time had been in the hands of the Boers.

British Regaining Ground.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Last night's cable dispatches from South Africa add little or nothing to the information concerning the situation, though the general trend of events seems to show that the British are gaining ground recently lost. A special from Naauwpoort, dated December 28th reports that Colonel De Lisle defeated Hertzog, eighteen miles west of Deasr, capturing a number of wagons and releasing the prisoners captured at Philipstown. Lieutenant Colonel Grenfell forced back Kritzinger towards Venterstad. Both commanders are in a desperate plight and probably will never re cross the Orange river.

It is creditably reported, according to a dispatch from New Castle, December 29, that Louis Botha has informed Commandant Spruight that Kruger has sent word that the Burghers must lay down their arms or continue fighting on their own account, as no support from Europe can be expected.

CONDITIONS IN CUBA.

Petitions Presented for Reduction of Tariff on Sugar and Tobacco.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 29.—A delegation of ten Alcades, from the Province of Pinar del Rio, visited Governor General Wood to day with a petition for a reduction of 25 per cent in the tariff on sugar of the United States against Cuba, and of 50 per cent. in the export duty on tobacco, in order to enable the planters to recoup on these important island industries. Governor General Wood is favorable to the petition, and will recommend to the Secretary of War that it be granted, as he considers it highly important to the peace and prosperity of Cuba.

Congressmen Pierce, Bailey and Haugen, who are visiting Cuba for the purpose of learning the opinions of the people regarding the relations between the United States and Cuba, find that the better elements desire the closest relations, even annexation, and that only the revolutionary elements are opposed.

Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, has received a letter from the Pope, expressing bitter sorrow at the danger threatening the religious orders. His Holiness advises the French bishop to work in perfect harmony to safeguard the interests of the congregation.

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CHINESE ASKING FOR EXPLANATION

As to Some of the Important Points in the Agreement of the Powers.

WANT A DEFINITE STATEMENT

As to What Cities Are to Be Occupied and How Long the Occupation is to Continue—As to Princes to Be Beheaded—The Taku Forts.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 29.—The Chinese minister had not returned this morning from his trip to Montclair, N. J., and the officers of the Chinese legation had received no information concerning the reported selection of a new emperor or of the reply said to have been made by the Chinese envoys on the demands of the Powers. The State Department is also uninformed on the reported change of emperors, and in view of the silence of the ministers, the report is received with considerable skepticism. The Chinese officials are unacquainted with the lineage of the youth said to have been chosen by the Empress Dowager for the throne.

It is recognized by the officials here as a perfectly natural course on the part of the Chinese government to ask for explanations of the important points in the agreement reached by the ministers at Pekin. So they are not surprised to hear now that, before blindly accepting the agreement as binding upon it, the Chinese court wishes for some definite statement as to what Chinese cities are to be occupied, how long the occupation is to continue, whether it is an absolute condition that the princes are be beheaded and whether the Taku forts are to be razed or whether dismantlement will not suffice. Our government does not desire the absolute demolition of the Taku forts; it will suffice for our purposes, having in mind a temporary stay in China, that they should be rendered harmless by dismantlement to prevent the ready access to the Chinese capital of any force which it might be necessary to send from Europe and America in the improbable event that the Chinese government fails to live up to the obligations it will assume under the agreement.

A Shanghai Dispatch.

SHANGHAI, December 29.—Chinese papers here state that the court has decided to accept the conditions of the Powers and this report is gaining credence, but nothing has yet been officially announced.

It is asserted that the Emperor has ordered the immediate decapitation of Yu Hsien, formerly governor of Shan Si, who was previously degraded and banished.

Li Hung Chang's Condition.

PEKIN, December 29.—Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, frequently sees Prince Ching. He says Prince Ching expects a definite reply from the court to the joint note of the Powers not before January 8th. He believes that the note will be accepted in its entirety within a short time.

It is doubtful now whether Li Hung Chang will be able to attend the meetings of the diplomats. The signs of old age are becoming more pronounced, and the lower portion of his body is completely paralyzed. Though it is officially announced each day that Earl Li's condition is improved, it is a fact that he has not appeared out of doors since he was first taken ill. His friends say they believe he will not completely recover and think that another commissioner must be appointed.

DISASTERS TO SHIPPING.

The Gale in the British Channel—Wreckage Thrown Up on the Coasts. More Loss of Life.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Quantities of wreckage have been thrown up on the different coasts, evidence of disasters from the gale not yet reported.

The remainder of the Spanish steamer Eneouri, which was driven ashore at the Portland breakwater (where twenty-two men got ashore, leaving five on the wreck), have been landed. The captain revisited the vessel this morning and as he stepped on her deck the ship heeled over and sank. The captain was drowned.

The French barque Seine, from Iquique September 23rd for Dunkirk, has been driven ashore at Perranporth, Cornwall. The crew, numbering twenty three men, were saved by the rocket apparatus.

HOLYHEAD, December 29.—The bodies of twenty members of the crew of the British barque Primrose Hill, Captain Wilson, from Liverpool for Vancouver, which went on the rocks three miles off South Stack during the gale and broke up, have been washed ashore.

PARIS, December 29.—The fishing smack Esperance foundered off Treport and three fishermen were lost. A pilot boat has been lost with two men.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Struggle for U. S. Senator Still in Doubt. Both Sides Confident.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HARRISBURG, PA., December 29.—The struggle for United States Senator is still in doubt, with both sides professing to be absolutely confident of the outcome. Colonel M. S. Quay and his lieutenants claim positively they have enough votes pledged to organize both branches of the Legislature and insure his election. Senator William Flynn, of Allegheny, leader of the anti Quay Republicans, and William T. Creesy, of Columbia, the Democratic leader of the House, insist that the Fusionists will organize the House and probably the Senate.

GOVERNMENT OF PORTO RICO.

Legislative Assembly—Opinion That It Will Be Abolished by Congress.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN JUAN, Dec. 29.—The legislative assembly of Porto Rico adjourned on Saturday until January 2nd. It had been in session eighteen days. Nearly fifty bills have been introduced, but not one has been of interest or promise to the business people.

The popular opinion among the Americans is that if the House continues as it is Congress will abolish it altogether and govern the island through the cabinet. Such irregular procedure has been followed that it is a question here whether any business has been legally done.

FINANCIAL SMASH IN THE CITY OF LONDON.

Twelve Failures on the Stock Exchange Followed the Suspension of the London and Globe Corporation.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 29.—The London and Globe Finance Corporation, limited, has suspended payment. When the brokers yesterday delivered stock purchased on account of the London and Globe and asked for payment, they received checks which were dishonored. This was followed to day by the failure on the Stock Exchange of twelve firms, as follows: Haggard, Hale & Pixley, Garle & Driver, Douglas, Jr., & Co., Cornfoot Brothers, F. A Cohen, Blockey & Buckingham, Gunn & Aubrey, Richards & Sloper, Baker & Smith, F. C. Watts & Company.

The first named is a big firm with important connections. It is feared a number of smaller jobbers will be affected.

While the difficulties of the firms closely connected with the London and Globe division were largely discounted, the repeated fall of the hammer this morning caused a great sensation. It is feared the full list of failures is not yet known.

The failures to day involve twenty eight members of the Stock Exchange and are equally divided among jobbers and brokers. It is generally regarded in the mining market as being the blackest day since the Baring smash, which was disastrous to all departments. To day's crisis, however, did not extend to the other markets, though most of them closed depressed. Americans were incidentally affected, owing to some of the firms which failed being interested in American securities.

The London and Globe is said to be largely interested in the Baker Street Waterloo Electric railroad, and the trouble is partially attributed to the money it has tied up in that road.

The chairman of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, limited, is the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, the former governor general of Canada and British ambassador at Paris. The failure of the concern of which he is the head adds one more sorrow to the closing chapter of his life, for he is to day preparing to start for South Africa, in company with Lady Dufferin, in consequence of the serious condition of his son, Lord Frederick Temple Blackwood, the lieutenant in the Ninth Lancers who was wounded Monday at Glenfontein. It is scarcely a year ago since Lord Dufferin lost his eldest son, the Earl of Ava, who died at Ladysmith. He is now encompassed by family grief and his honored name is dragged in the financial mire.

Lord Dufferin's fellow directors are Whitaker Wright, who is well-known in connection with many companies; Lieutenant General The Hon. Somerset Gough Calthorpe, who has been colonel in chief of the Fifth Dragoon Guards since 1892, and Lord Pelham Clinton, master of the Queen's household and a son of the former Duke of New Castle. Lord Dufferin holds five thousand shares of the London and Globe and twenty thousand British-Americas.

GEN. NELSON A. MILES.

Returning to Washington from His Visit to Eastern Carolina—Talks of Reconstruction Days.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 29.—A special from Goldsboro to the *Observer* says:

Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., is in the city to-night, en route to Washington. He is returning from a hunting trip on the Trent river, where he was the guest of his old friend, Mr. C. C. Jerome, formerly of Chicago. He expressed himself delighted with the trip and regretted that the duties of his position necessitated his return to Washington by the new year. He discussed pleasantly reconstruction days and referred to his residence in the State as commander of the district before its Statehood was restored, and especially referred to the fact that he instigated a movement of help to some 25,000 whites, made poor as a result of war conditions.

"Speaking of Alger's attack, he said: 'I haven't read it in its entirety. Alger waited some two years to make the attack, and I guess I need be in no hurry to make reply. The beef question has been pretty well condemned already by the press of the country. If need be, I may yet have something to say of the rottenness of the whole affair.'"

THE ARMY BILL.

No Prolonged Contest Over the Measure Expected in the Senate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 29.—Senator Hawley, chairman of the military committee of the Senate, had a talk with the President to-day about the situation of the Army bill in the upper house. The Senator told the President that he did not anticipate a prolonged contest in the Senate. He will go ahead with the bill as soon as the Senate reconvenes on Thursday and unless undue opposition develops will not ask the friends of the ship subsidy bill to give priority to his measure. The Senator expressed perfect confidence that there would be no filibuster against the army bill.

FIRE AT GRIFFIN, GA.

Hundreds of Bales of Cotton Burned—Loss Estimated at $60,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

GRIFFIN, GA., December 30.—The brick warehouse here caught fire about 12.30 this morning and is burning fiercely. Five hundred bales of cotton have already been destroyed and fully as much more will probably be burned. The loss will be between $30,000 and $50,000. The cotton belongs to farmers and the amount of insurance carried is not known.

The city clerk and city treasurer's office were in the warehouse, and it is feared that all the city records have been destroyed.

The estimated loss up to this time (1.15 A. M.) is $60,000, and the fire is still burning.

The United States has been invited, through the German ambassador at Washington, to take part in the international exhibition of fire-preventing and fire-saving arrangements to be held in Berlin during the months of June and July next.

Bismarck's Iron Nerve.

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ANOTHER DELIVERY FROM CLEVELAND.

The Ex-President Gives His Views in Reference to Presidential Tenure.

ITS SUBSTANTIAL EXTENSION

Is Strongly Advocated—He Condemns the Present Indirect and Cumbersome Mode of Electing the President. The Evils of Short Tenure.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 29.—Writing on "The President of the Twentieth Century," for a copyrighted special issue of the New York *World*, to-morrow, ex President Cleveland refers to the Presidential tenure in these terms:

"Thoughtful citizens will more and more appreciate the objections urged against the present indirect and cumbersome mode of electing their Presidents. The circumstances in which this plan originated, if ever of controlling importance, ought no longer to excuse such a baffling confusion of ideas as grows out of the proposition that in a popular government the people's chief officer and their most direct representative may be made the recipient of their trust and the depository of their power in flagrant opposition to the declared popular will.

"Strong arguments are from time to time urged in favor of a change in the tenure of the Presidential office. These should challenge serious attention, to the end that the present constitutional limit may be removed and a more reasonable and useful one substituted. There has been a continual increase in Federal legislation of peremptory character and related to the immediate and routine necessities of the country; and so it has come to pass that of the four sessions of Congress held during a presidential term, two are so brief as to scarcely permit the passage of necessary appropriation bills, while of the others, one occurs when the President is usually strange in his new office and burdened with importunities and labors inseparable from a change of administration, and the remaining one encounters during its continuance the interruptions, timidity and demoralization of a presidential and congressional canvass. These conditions suggest the scant opportunity allowed for the initiation and adoption of new and important remedial legislation during a single presidential term.

"Another argument of considerable weight in favor of the change is based upon the complaint that the business and other important interests of our people are now too frequently disturbed and disquieted by the turmoil and heat of a presidential election. It is not amiss to add that a substantial extension of the executive tenure would pave the way for establishing the ineligibility of an incumbent to succeed himself—which has long found favor with a large class of our people as a consummation much to be desired.

"Thus, American citizens in the twentieth century will be charged with the duty of securing for themselves the actual substance of popular rule by establishing a more direct mode of electing the people's chief executive in strict accordance with the people's will, and by so extending the tenure of his office, as to enable him to better serve his countrymen and more thoroughly protect and defend all their interests."

CHIEF JUSTICE FAIRCLOTH

Died Suddenly at His Home in Goldsboro, N. C., Last Night—A Prominent Republican.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., December 29.—Chief Justice William T. Faircloth died suddenly at his home in this city to-night about 10 o'clock. He had taken a bath, and the attack came on him just as he had put on his night robe, preparatory to going to bed. He hastened to lie down upon the lounge and his wife saw that his condition was critical. The neighbors and his physician were hastily summoned, but he was dead before they arrived. In fact, he expired in a moment or two after reaching the lounge.

He was one of the wealthiest men in this city, a director in the Bank of Wayne, and interested in other enterprises. He served twice on the Supreme Court bench, being first appointed in 1875, and was elected chief justice in 1894.

Judge Faircloth was one of the most prominent Republicans in Eastern North Carolina.

NAVAL RESERVES.

Bill to Be Introduced in Congress—Some of Its Features.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A bill will be introduced in Congress upon its re assembling for the formation of a Naval Reserve based upon plans prepared by a board composed of Admiral Dewey, Rear Admiral Crowninshield and Captain Evans. The features of the bill are the limitation of the reserve forces to a total of 20,000 men, the officers not to exceed 600 in number, made up of ensigns, lieutenants junior grade, and lieutenants. The term of enlistment is fixed at five years.

STEEL TUBE TRUST.

A Combination With Over $150,000,000 Capital to Control the Industry.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, December 29.—The *Evening Bulletin* to-day says: "For the past three weeks negotiations have been on foot in Philadelphia looking towards the control of the steel tube industry in the United States by organizing a combination with over $150,000,000. The syndicate has secured the exclusive license under American patents to manufacture steel tubing by a new English process, which reduces the cost of manufacture nearly fifty per cent."

A through service has been obtained from Cleveland, Ohio, to St. Augustine, Fla., in twenty hours by way of the Big Four, Queen and Crescent and Southern railways.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered intensely for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in ten days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Burns, Boils, Pain or Piles it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c Sold by R.R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

MOSQUITOS SPREAD DISEASE.

General Order Issued to U. S. Troops in Cuba—Precautions Enjoined to Be Taken.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, December 29.—The United States government has formally recognized the responsibility of the mosquito for the transmission of yellow fever and malarial diseases. This fact is indicated by the issuance of a general order by Major General Wood, at Havana, directed to his post commanders, reciting that the chief surgeon of the department of Cuba has reported that it is now well established that malaria, yellow fever and similar infections are transmitted by the bites of mosquitos. Therefore, the troops are enjoined to observe carefully two precautions. First, they are to use mosquito bars in all barracks, hospitals, and field service whenever practicable. Second, they are to destroy the "wigglers," or young mosquitos, by the use of petroleum on the waters where they breed. Permanent pools or puddles are to be filled up. To the others are to be applied one ounce of kerosene to each fifteen square feet of water twice a month which will destroy not only the young but the old mosquitos. This does not injure drinking water if drawn from below and not dipped out. Protection is thus secured, according to the order, because the mosquito does not fly far, seeks shelter when the wind blows, and thus each community breeds its own mosquitos.

STORM AT PENSACOLA.

Streets Flooded—A Barque Capsized and a Tug Foundered.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PENSACOLA, FLA., December 29.—A storm of wind and rain passed over the city late last night. Several streets were flooded. The large steel barque Kiandra was capsized in the bay. Tug Klondike and a small schooner foundered. A man and his two sons spent the night in the rigging of the schooner and were rescued, half frozen, at daylight.

WARM WIRELETS

All saloons in Chicago were closed at midnight last night, for the first time since the present mayor, Carter H. Harrison, has held office.

Tom Couhig, of Dunkirk, and Kid McPartland, of New York, finally came to terms at 9 o'clock last night and signed articles for a twenty round fight at Erie, Pa., January 1.

The steamers Bertha and Dolphin arrived at Seattle from Southwestern Alaska with news tending to sustain the belief that the United States mail steamer Tilamook, of San Francisco, long overdue, is lost.

Hon. Lucius B. Wombwell, State commissioner of agriculture of Florida, died last night at Chattahoochee, aged 51. He was a prominent lawyer and for the past twelve years has been commissioner of agriculture.

William J. Bryan arrived at Galveston yesterday and left soon after with Colonel W. L. Moody for the private game preserve of the latter across the bay, Chambers county, where he will hunt several days.

The steamship Heros, the first Russian steamer ever in Norfolk, arrived at Lamberts Point Friday evening from Port Tampa, Fla., for bunker coal. She sailed yesterday for Stettin, Germany.

The United States minister at Copenhagen, Mr. J. S. Swenson, has informed the Danish government that the United States offers 12,000,000 kroner for the Danish Antilles and will not give more.

The weekly statement of the Associated Banks shows: Loans, increase $9,358,500; deposits, increase $15,884,806; circulation, increase $138,300; legal tenders, increase $3,196,400; specie, increase $2 678 700. Total reserve, increase $5,875,100.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan, summoned to appear before the Ingram County Circuit Court to answer the charge of contempt, as the result of an interview in which he attacked the court and prosecuting attorney, refused to answer the summons.

The Lawson Cup Defender will have two masters. Captain Hank Haff is to be sailing master, and Captain Watson is to be on board in an advisory capacity. This announcement was contained in a statement to-day, issued by Thos. W. Lawson.

Henry W. Howgate, seventy years old, who in 1880 served the government as disbursing officer of the Signal Service, at Washington, was released from the penitentiary last night after having served six years for forgery and falsification of accounts.

Though long forgotten, for nearly a quarter of a century, an authentic portrait of Chief Justice John Marshall, of the United States Supreme Court, has been discovered. For twenty-two years the portrait has hung in the home of H. M. Underwood, at Waukegan, Ill.

Samuel McDonald, who one week ago shot and killed F. H. Morris, auditor for the War Department, died yesterday from the self inflicted wounds he received at the time of the murder. A. McDonald, after killing Morris, cut his own throat and shot himself through the head.

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Our line of goods consists of staple articles only. We have everything needed for Xmas trade.
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98 Bags Kiln Dried Grits.
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208, 210 and 212 Nutt street, Wilmington, N. C.
dec 23 tf

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Taken Up, December 23rd at my farm on Castle Hayne road, four miles from Wilmington, a dark brindled Cow with crumpled horns. Owner may have Cow on payment of all charges. Moses Horne. dec 30 1t*

The Annual Meeting of the United Securities Association will be held Monday, December 31st, 1900, at Chesnut Street Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock P. M. J. A. Bonner, President; J. H. Whiteman, General Manager; T. El Sabosh Dry, Secretary. dec 30 1t

Wanted—A first class trucker wants to take charge of a strawberry farm. Good references. Address, B. M. J., Box 26, Warsaw, N. C. dec 28 4t*

For Rent—Second Floor in building No. 401, northwest corner Front and Walnut streets. Also, Second Floor in building No. 403, next to the northwest corner of Front and Walnut streets. Each floor contains five rooms, kitchen and bath. For terms apply to B. & J. Ahrens. nov 25 tf

5,000,000 choice cabbage plants and 1,000 barrels smooth Irish Potatoes for sale cheap by W. P. Bancham, Proprietor Cottage Grove and Honey Pod Truck Farm, Wash-ington N. C. Rush orders along. nov 18 2m

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